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LACONIA MAN SENTENCED ON FEDERAL
“CRACK” COCAINE DISTRIBUTION CHARGES

Re: United States v. Michael NOUCAS

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and N.H. Attorney General Peter Heed, announced that **Michael NOUCAS**, date of birth 9/23/83, of Laconia, NH, was sentenced today on crack cocaine distribution charges.

According to the affidavit accompanying a federal criminal complaint issued by U.S. Magistrate Judge James Muirhead, Noucass was arrested by the N.H Drug Task Force after selling crack cocaine to an undercover agent on two occasions during January, 2003.

On October 29, 2003, Noucass entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Joseph A. DiClerico, Jr. to an information charging him with possession with intent to distribute “crack” cocaine. Judge DiClerico released NOUCAS to the supervision of the U.S. Department of Probation pending his sentencing hearing scheduled for January 29, 2004. He faces a potential maximum sentence of 20 years imprisonment.

At today’s sentencing, Judge DiClerico imposed a sentence of 18 months imprisonment followed by a 3-year period of supervised release during which Noucass’ behavior will be monitored by the U.S. Department of Probation. On January 5, 2004, Noucass’ crack cocaine supplier, Raymond Frederickson of Gilford, was sentenced to 63 months (5 years, 3 months) imprisonment for possession with intent to distribute over 50 grams of “crack” cocaine.

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, “My office is committed not only to aggressively prosecuting drug traffickers operating in Manchester and New Hampshire’s other larger cities, but also those importing illegal drugs into smaller communities like those in the Lakes Region. Attorney General Heed’s Drug Task Force conducted a thorough and aggressive investigation in this case, and

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these convictions stand as a prime example of the effectiveness of cooperative efforts between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in combating the disastrous impact of crack cocaine on our communities and their residents.”

The conviction resulted from an investigation by the N.H. Drug Task Force. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante, the Lead Attorney for the District of New Hampshire in the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (“New England OCDETF”).

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